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Gymnasts Compete in Kamloops

The artistic gymnastics team of girls and boys travelled to Kamloops to compete and show their skills.

In the girls division of Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG), Okanagan Gymnastics was represented by eleven Provincial Level 1 Argo (10 and under) athletes in a category of 27 athletes. Sally Haaheim, 9, was the top Okanagan Gymnastics finisher with a silver medal in the all around. Haaheim also earned a gold medal for her performance on the balance beam with a 12.10 out of a possible 13.00.

Olivia Minor, 10, earned herself a bronze medal in the all around as well as earning herself a silver medal on the uneven bars.

Braelyn Dillon, 9, finished with a gold medal on the uneven bars.

Zlata Alimova, 8, competed at her first competition, representing OGC, earning a silver medal on the vault. Zlata and her mother Maria Alimova have moved to Kelowna from Russia temporarily to work and train at Okanagan Gymnastics Centre. Their stay in Kelowna has been a special experience for Zlata as she gets to take home a Canadian medal.

All of the Women's Artistic Gymnasts at Okanagan Gymnastics Centre have benefited from the experience and expertise of Maria Alimova during her time in Canada and will miss both mother and daughter when they venture back home at the beginning of June.

In the Men's division, Liam Dawson travelled to Kamloops to show his Provincial level 3 routines. Dawson successfully showed a new pommel horse routine and got more experience competing in front of a crowd.

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